



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

June 22, 2004

### **S. 211**

#### **Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area Act**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
on June 16, 2004*

S. 211 would establish the Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area in New Mexico and would designate the Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area, Inc., as the managing entity for the area. The nonprofit corporation would be responsible for developing and implementing a management plan for the protection, development, and management of cultural and other area resources. Finally, the legislation would authorize the appropriation of \$10 million, not to exceed \$1 million annually, for technical and financial assistance to the corporation over the next 15 years.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing S. 211 would cost \$10 million over the next 10 to 15 years. Such amounts would be used to cover a portion of the costs of planning, establishing, operating, and interpreting the heritage area. Enacting this legislation would have no effect on revenues or direct spending.

S. 211 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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